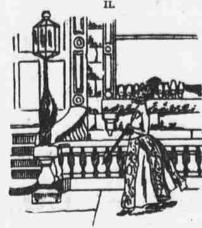
MIRTH AND WISDOM AS CONTAINED IN BRIEF PARAGRAPHS.

Wanted to Raid the Club





Old Weid-Officer, I want you to raid that Club on the corner.

Officer-Same old game! Did they stare at you? No; they pulled down the blind when I

> Mixed. [Prom Judge,

" Have you any cash to-night, Ned?" "Let me see. Yes, I've a dollar and some

eents."
"Ah! some sense? Well, that will keep you from spending the dollar for whiskey." A Natural Conclusion. [From the Burlington Free Press.]

Little boy—Mamma, are you really going to marry an Italian Count? Pretty widow—Yes, my pet. Little boy (delightedly)—Oh, then I can have the monkey to play with, can't I?

[From Judge,]

She (in the art depot)-Didn't the clerk say, Jim, that them two people on that there pitcher were Paul and Virginia?

He—I don't remember, Susan, whether he said Virginia or West Virginia. Not the Lightning Calculator.

Jones, who is an everlasting talker, was recently inveigled into betting \$2 that he could keep his tongue still two hours.

Forty minutes had scarcely elapsed when Jones shouted out in great glee: "Three cheers! The time's half up."

Sunday Morning.

Mr. B. Grubb Roots (to his city nephew)-Whew! I'm awfully warm. Wish I knew where we could get a glass of cider, Bob.

Bob—Just come 'round to the side door on
the next corner, uncle. The policeman always stands at the front, you know.

A Munich illustrated journal represents an unskilful Nimrod standing in the forest surrounded by a number of sarcastic-looking

hares.
"Well," remarks Nimrod, philosophically, as he brings his grunito position, "I'll miss one more of you and then go home."

Safety Assured.

Mr. Winks (solemnly)-A noted physician says that the deadly bacteria jurk in bank-notes, and many diseases, especially small-pox, are spread that way.

Mrs. Winks-Mercy on us! Give me all you have, right off. I've been vaccinated, you know.

An Indolent Organ.

When the liver is indolent, as it must necessarily be when it fails to secrete the bile in sufficient quantities to meet the requirements of digestion and evacuation, it should be set at work with HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS. The healthful stimulus to activity imparted by this incomparable alterative, speedily evinces itself in a departure of the uncomfortable sensations in the right side; the nausea; fur upon the tongue; indigestion, and sick headache consequent upon inactivity of shannel. Irregularity of the bowels is always and painleasly reformed by the corrective indicated, which is in-finitely to be preferred, both because it is safe and more efficacious, to blue pill, oslomel and drenching purgatives of every class. It cures and prevents fever and

EVERY GREAT PUGILIST HAS HIS OWN PARTICULAR STYLE.

Jee McAuliffe Encouraged by His Defeat of Tom Lees-Rumor That Lord Ounraven Will Not Race the Valkyrie-Joe Ellingsworth New Claims the Middle-

Every great sparrer has his own individual style. Many people think that because Billy Myer apparently breaks all set rules of boxing his standing off of Jack McAuliffe during sixty-four rounds was rather due to good luck than to extraordinary boxing skill. Myer says that he learned all the boxing he knows himself. He never had a teacher. He also says that he has seen only two prize fights besides those in which he figured as a

"I fight to get there." he said to the writer. "I may not know much about fancy sparring or how to look pretty on the stage. but I watch my chance and then hit. I don't know what other people may call my way of boxing, but it has always served me. I call it the 'get-the e-style.'" n fact, there are no two great fighters who fight alike. John L. Sullivan's style is very different from Kilrain's, Jack Dempsey's and Jack Mc-Auhffe's body positions are somewhat similar, but they hold their arms differently. Great pugil its are born, not made, which is why no two happen to hold themselves alike or employ the same ring tactics.

When big Joe McAuliffe was defeated at the California Athletic Club by Peter Jack-son he was so discouraged that he finally announced he would bid farewell to the which he defeated Tom Lees has served to raise his spirits, and the Golden Gate Athletic Club will, it is said, offer a \$1.00 purse for a fight between Pat Killen and McAuliffe, to take place some time in July.

This McAuliffe-Killen match will afford a criterion of Peter Jackson's ability. The colored Australian best McAuliffe very easily. Now, should McAuliffe chance to defeat killen, it would send the ebon-hued man's stock a-booming, for Killen is acknowledged to be a formidable opponent.

The harbor of New London is now enlivened by the many college boat crews which are gathered there for the annual racing festival. The four-mile straightaway race between Harvard and Yale is fixed for June 28. The Harvard Columbia Freshman race, two-miles, is set for June 21. The Columbia-University of Pennsylvania-Cornell race will occur June 27. On June 25 the Pennsylvania Varsity rows Yale. These dates are too near together to allow the Pennsylvania boys sufficient time to rest between races. They are up to be fagged when they go into the three-cornered race on the 27th. But they may not over-exert themselves in the race with Yale, for they prefer to win over Cornell and Columbia than to give the Yale boys a hard pull, for it is not thought possible they could have any chance of defeating Yale.

The information that comes from George Watson, who designed the Valkyrie, would seem to indicate that Lord Dunraven does not think the Valkyrie fleet enough to compete for the cup. The letter received by the gentleman seems to make it appear that the Goelet and Paine special cups are more in Dunravan's thoughts than the symbol representing the yachting supremacy; of the world. But this report must be taken with the proverbial grain of salt. Matters have progressed almost too far for Lord Dunraven to back out gracefully.

The Secretary of the Southern California Athletic Club has written to the Police Gazette that, inasmuch as Jack Dempsey did not accept Joe Ellingsworth's challenge, Ellingsworth will now claim the middle-weight

By the express desire of Mr. Richard K. Fox, Jake Kilrain will spar with Charley Mitchel to-night at the big benefit for the

In a letter to Frank Slevin, regarding the coming walking match at Coney Island, Pedestrian John Hughes writes: "The nine-day race is the kind I like. I won_an eight-day race in Cincinnati in 1880, I covered 540 miles in 100 hours. I expect to do still better in the race at the Sea Beach

As was generally anticipated, Champion J. S. Mitchell broke the record yesterday at Bergen Point with the 16-pound-hammer, throwing 132 feet 9 inches. The surprise of the day was C. H. Sherrill's deteat by J. P. the day was C. H. Sherrill's defeat by J. P. Lee in the 220 yards. The seeming slow time made in the 100 yards—10 3-5 seconds—was in reality very good, considering the bad condition of the truck. P. D. Skillman, of the New York Atletic Club, won the three-mile run in 15m.11 2-5s., breaking the record. This was a fine performance in view of the heavy running.

heavy running. Julius Sotak is the champion swimmer of France and Austria. He has just arrived in this city. He wants to swim anybody in this country for from \$100 up to \$5.00°, from the Battery to Staten Island. He also wants to swim from the Battery to Long Branch, but this last attired in a Boyton suit.

CHUNKS OF SOLID HUMOR. NO TWO MEN FIGHT ALIKE. GLANCES HERE AND THERE. FASHIONS IN SUMMER WEAR. MRS. CARTER AND THE STAGE.

INTERESTING INCIDENTS NOTED BY "EVEN-

The Wife Played a Neat Trick, but Her Husband Failed to Get Caught. Quite an smusing incident happened in an uptown apartment flat a few days ago. A young married couple lived on one floor, who were very friendly with a young married

couple living in another floor in the same building. The first married couple had not been in matrimony more than a year. The husband occasionally, not very often, you know. but now and then, would go to his club, get to

now and then, would go to his club, get to having a good time with the boys and find it was so late that instead of going home he would remain at the club for the night. It was cosier and more comfortable.

Then his wife, after the fashion of wives, would think Charles was run over or had fallen into the river or had a knife in him, and would tearfully extract explanations of Tharlis the next day when he showed up. It did no good to tell her never to worry about the thing, that he was always all right. She did worry just the same and made herself mis-

did worry just the same and made herself miserable after the most approved fashion.

One evening Charles went out about 9 o'clock, saying he was going to see a friend who was giving the boys a dinner before he went to Europe. He didn't know when he would be home.

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Shortly after he went the lady friend from the other apartment called on Charlie's with the other apartment called on Charlie's with the charle and enjoyed themselves for a time and then the lady had to go.

'I wish you would come down and stay in my apartment to night," said her visitor.

'My husband is away and it is so lonesome."

'Mrs. Charlie consented. 'I'll leave a note for Charlie where he can't help seeing it to tell him that I won't be home. It'll serve him a good lesson. He'll know how I feel when he stays out all night."

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I shall not be at home to-night, dear. The

I shall not be at home to-night, dear. Turn about is fair play.

shout is fair play.

She put the note on a stool, put the stool in front of the door where Charlie in coming in would fail over it and that would call his attention to the note.

They had a great deal of fun talking it over and picturing the whole scene: Charlie's tripping over the stool and then feeling round for a match, then reading the note and leading all worked up over it and design all worked up over it and design.

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The next morning Mrs. Charlie got up The next morning Mrs, Charlie got up early and skipped up to her apartment.

She unlocked the door with a rush and, calling airily, "Good morning, dear," nearly fell on the floor over a stool right in front of her, from which floated a sheet of paper. She rushed to the bed. Its snowy counterpane and plump pillows didn't show a wrinkle!

Oh, it was too bad! He didn't come home at all.

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Don't worry, dear. I am all right. I stayed at the club last night it was so late when we got Mrs. Charlie tore the message spitefully into bits. Then she tore up her own note.

But it had to come out, Her sense of humor was too strong not to let Charlie into it. humor was too strong not to let Charlie into it.

They all then had a good lsugh over it, and Mrs. Charlie won't be so ready to play this trick again on her better half.

Youthful Ticket "Scalpers" in Hoboken and Their Persistent Manner.

The little city of Hoboken, over the way, will graduate a large class of ticket scalpers. The boys over there are training themselves in that "profession" and many of them are becoming expert in the business.

Many a boy in New York earns a living by seiling Evening Worlds.

The Hoboken boys sell Evgning Worlds, too, and carry a stock of ferry tickets at the same time.

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The streets leading to the ferries are crowded every day after school and all day Saturdays with boys, from the wee little fellows not long in "pants" to the youth who will soon be old enough to vote.

The New York hackmen at the depots and ferry stations are not more persistent than these youthful ticket sellers.

"Ferry tickets? Buy your ferry ticket of me, will you, mister?" yell the boys to every one who walks towards the boats.

The boys buy ten tickets for a quarter and sell them at three cents apiece, thus having a nickel profit on ten tickets.

diers Reap a Harvest. On every popular thoroughfare can be

found hucksters of flowers. Perhaps the most popular variety they sell are magnolias. These sweet-scented flowers find a ready sale and the peddlers are made

ind a ready sale and the peddlers are made correspondingly happy.

The majority of people believe that they are of hot-house growth and brought fresh from the country every day, but they are not.

A magnolia peddler takes his basket on a pleasant afternoon and goes over to the meadows in the vicinity of Union Hill, N. J., where they grow wild and in great profusion.

One in search of them can readily fill a basket with a thousand in an hour.

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The peddler returns to New York, keeps them in cool water over night and sells them at the rate of three for five cents next day. He generally disposes of them in time to go over to the meadows again and get another

THE NEWEST THINGS FOR GENTLEMEN IN LINEN AND UNDERWEAR

The Prejudice Against Flannel Shirts Has Died Out and They Will Be Very Popular This Year-Little Change in th Style of Neckties-Unprecedented De mand for Light Vents.

arises in the minds of young men as to how they will dress. Some of those who are more modest, prefer to attise themselves neatly but not gaudily, while others prefer garments in which "loud" colors abound.

* The main object in selecting garments is

"There has been a prejudice against them heretofore, as they were looked upon by some people as only fit for marketmen and coal-heavers; but this feeling has been overcome, and you will see a great many of them worn

this year.
Of course the most popular material will be flaunel, because it is cheaper than silk and

is just as cool.

French flannel is having a great run and I think it will be more popular than ever. We have sold more garments of this material this season than ever before, and to illustrate

favor at once.

Now as to colors and patterns. The latest thing in silk shirts is white or some very light shade, with a small stripe of a delicate

studs. Marsellies and platted bosons are out of style.

"A great many colored shirts are being worn, but they are not selling as well as they did a year or two ago. If one wears a fancy colored shirt he should wear a white collar and cuffs of the same material as the shirt.

"Speaking of collars reminds me that the fashionable collar is not so comfortable as some other patterns.

ome other patterns.

"The collar that is most largely worn is of linen, about two inches in height, with turned over points in front. There has been no change in the style of cuffs. The same styles are now worn as were fashionable last

There is a great variety in neckties this season. The popular four-in-hand will still be in vogue and will hold its own against the Derby and other styles that have sprung into existence.
French Windsors and French linen washauses will also command a large share of

The most natty four-in-hands and "The most natty four-in-hands and "Derbys" will be made up of right material, with small, modest figures and light stripes. "French washables are made of linen, and have rather wide stripes of blue, pink and other colors, that are rather loud. Windsors are manufactured of light pongee stuffs, with light, modest figures, and are very near and presty.

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each.

"Fancy silks, with striped, checked, plaid or figured effects, are worn by a great many, but they are not as cool as linens, ducks, mohair, Marseilles or pique. These latter are made up very nearly in all sorts of patterns, from a large plaid intended for the gay young man to small dots and squares. A great many double-breasted vests are worn, but they appear hot and stuffy.

"The fancy vest is a great addition to the wearing apparel of a man and is becoming more popular every day. At the pre-ent time it is worn everywhere and by all classes, including doctors, lawyers and other professional men."

Insent, Said a Bijou lounger has light: course that kind of advertisement is good for test,"

This is the big day for the Johnstown sufferer benefits.

One of the sights of Broadway is an actor named Frank de Vernon, who is to be seen each day in bright blue trousers, a white finnel coat, and an enormous diamond in its cravat. He is always followed by a big dog. Mr. de Vernon is always stared at, and has a lovely, carefully studied "uncouscions look," which reflects great credit upon him.

IS SHE TO APPEAR UNDER MR. GILMORE'S MANAGEMENT?

Union Square Theatre in Darkness Again-Reland Reed Says He Will Only Produce "The Woman Hater" Next Season -Miss Julia Marlowe to Bury Herself in the Country for the Summer.

Mrs. Leslie Carter, the heroine of the Chicago divorce case (is heroine the right word?), occupied a box at the Academy of Music on Tuesday night, and was most diligently cared for by Managers E. G. Gilmore and Alexander Comstock. Mrs. Carter is still staying in New York, but she is comparatively incog. Mr. Gilmore's managerial eye twinkled very brightly last night when , the subject of Mrs. Carter was broached. Nothing has as yet been arranged between the fair divorces and the manager, but let other metropolitan managers beware. When E. G. Gilmore gives up his private box at the Academy he means business.

The Union Square Theatre was again in complete darkness last night. The doors were tightly closed. "Ardrieli" had become silenced. The closing of the theatre was due to the refusal of the musicians to play unless Mr. J. A. Norris paid them their salaries. J. M. Hill came to the rescue, anxious to prevent the closing of the theatre, which, even when a manager is not responsible for it, is always injurious. He personally offered to guarantee the musicians their money. They refused to listen to the warrantee.

Joseph Mack, who has just resigned the conductorship of Robert Downing, will prob-ably manage Fred Warde. Isn't that a thrilling announcement?

"A Wayward Woman" is the name of a play with rather a curious history. It was written by Newton Gotthold, who handed it to Lester Wallack. Mr. Wallack read and and in fact all fancy trouts have gone out of style, and during the coming Summer, the only correct thing will be a perfectly plain front with a row of buttons.

"The neatest thing in the way of shirts is the plain linen bosom, with two or three studs. Marseilles and plaited bosoms are out of style.

"A great many colored shirts are being with several managers at the present time for play is often more interesting than the play play is often more interesting than the play

Roland Reed, with his manager, Jack, were on Broadway yesterday. Mr. Reed says that he intends to produce nothing but "The Woman Hater" next season. He has been in Philadelphia arranging his home for his old father, who, he says, is the oldest professional living.

Reception matinees are to be given shortly at the Academy of Music, and ladies will be permitted to go upon the stage and pet Prof. Bartholomew's horses.

Ariel N. Barney has engaged George Learock to support Thomas W. Keene next sea.

Miss Julia Marlowe is going to the country for the summer, but her exact whereabouts cannot be divulged. Her manager is very anxious that she remain in seclusion until she growr older. Miss Marlowe has not yet resched the stage where she can be allowed the luxury of being interviewed. It will be remembered that it was a long time before Manager J. M. Hill permitted the interviewers to approach Miss Margaret Mather. If a star hasn't yet acquired the art of gushing artistically she must be trained to it, don't you know, and training takes time.

"Haberdashers are spreading themselves in the way of under wear this year. We have got a heavy stock of line underwear of silk and balbriggan; the former will be very popular with those who can afford to pay the price—\$10 or \$12 a suit. Balbriggan stock is very fine and is comparatively cleap.

"The finest garments will be in light colors of pule blue and pink. Socks of balbriggan and lisle-thread are now worn. Solid colors and neat, narrow stripes are the rule.

"One thing more that I haven't mentioned, and that is the fancy vest. This is the heaviest season for these goods that we have yet had, and it is safe to say that the sales amount to as much as they have for the last five years combined.

"The neatest thing we have is in cashmere, with stripes and checks. These vests are single-brea-ted, and the buttons are covered with the same material as the body of the vest. They are sold from \$3.50 to \$7 each.

"Fancy silks, with striped checked plaid." Last hind of advertisement is good for course that kind of advertisement is good for course that kind of advertisement is good for course that kind of advertisement is good for course that we have a cquired the art of gushing artistically she must be trained to it, don't you know, and training takes time.

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Little Lord Fauntleroy. Paul Allen, one of the Lester and Allen team, has a novel way of advertising his farce-comedy of next season. "The Plug Hat." Last night much amusement was caused in the neighborhood of the Bijou by the appearance of Mr. Allen, followed by a remarkably attired dog. The animal wore a small plug hat and an elaborate collar, but seemed to be unaware of his abdormal adornment, Said a Bijou lounger last night: "Of course that kind of advertisement is good for

Beware

Peddlers and some unscrupulous grocers are offering imitations which they claim to be Pearline, or " the same as Pearline." It's false-they are not, and besides are dangerous. PEARLINE is never peddled, but sold by all good grocers.

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the productions of our own workrooms, and the waists of which will be fitted and finished without extra charge.

WHITE LINEN D'INDE SUITS at \$3.75, \$5.62, \$9.50. SATEEN AND GINGHAM SUITS at \$3.50, \$4.98, \$5.50, \$7.50,

ALL VERY MUCH BELOW OUR REGULAR PRICES.

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Coming Events.

Amateur Philharmonic Society's fourth enter-tainment, College of Music, 163 East Seventieth street, June 15.

The Roman Style.

[From the Grip.]
Algernon—Say, grandpa, here's a picture of a Roman banquet, and they are all lying down to eat. They don't do that way now, do they?
Grandpa—Er—well, yes, there is more or less lying done at public dinners still.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

IF YOU WAKE IN THE MORNING WITH A bitter taste in the month, coated tongue, perhaps head-ache, your liver's torpid; You need CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS. CARPET CLEANING-T. M. STEWART, 3267th ave.; send for circular; telephone call 126 21st st.

AMUSEMENTS. SPECIAL BENEFIT PERFORMANCES
THE JOHNSTOWN SUFFERERS.

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The Entertainment Committee appointed by His Honor Mayor Grant have, with the co-oneration of the managers of the abere places of ammenment and with the assistance of the artists whose names appear below, arranged the following SERILES OF BENEFITS:

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TO NIGHT AT S,
MR. A. M. PALMER'S COMPANY JIM THE PENMAN.
Tickets on sale Wednesday morning.

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WIND UP BETWEEN JAKE KILRAIN AND
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ADMISSION \$1. NO RESERVED SEATS.

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Tickets on saie Tuesday.

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PALMER'S THEATRE Broadway and 30th at CLOVER OFFER OMPANY.

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN. GRAND OPERA-HOUSE. TO-NIGHT.
Reserved Seats, Orchestra Circle and Baicony, 50s.
Grand English "THE CHIMES OF SEATH SEA

TOISON'S PHONOGRAPH THIS WEEK

19TH ST. BATTLE OF All Day and
4TH AVE. GETTYSBURG Beening. TONY PASTOR'S THEATRE. TONY PASTOR'S THEATRE. Good Reserved Seats, 50 cents. GUS WILLIAMS. Matiness Tuesday and Friday.

THEISS'S NEW MUSIC HALL AND ALHAM-BEA COURT, 128 R 14th AND BEA COURT, 128 R 14th AND BEA COURT, 128 R 14th AND Hungarian LADY DANCERS. APT. TERRACE GARDEN. 58th st., near 3d ave.-To-night, Chimes of Normande; Friday, Trip to Africa; Saturday, Nanon; Sunday, extra Sacred Concert.

DUFFER. THE

BY W. E. NORRIS.

brute by such a name as that?" asked Mr. 'em?" Belton, looking down with a certain con-

his new box-goth gaiters. ham, the horse dealer, "I don't 'ardly see | chased a valuable hunter at a great bargain add that each and all of them forced him what else you could call him. Strayed 'ere from Mr. Markham. Whether this confi- without any difficulty to accept a licking. last Winter when he was on'y a pup; and as dence in his knowledge and capacity rested Even a little toy black-and-tan terrier nobody claimed him I kep' him, think n' he upon any solid foundation may be open to strutted round him on tip-toe snorted doubtmight turn out to be some good for some- doubt; but at any rate it sufficed to pur him fully, and then decided to go for him. thin'. But I'm blessed if I can discover what | in a good humor, and he said: "Oh, I'li give "Wah! wah!" squealed the Duffer, as he fied the Lord created him for! Won't fight, won't kill a rat, won't earn his keep in no dog among so many won't make much differ- tween his legs. sort o' way. So we called him the Duffer. and he answered as nat'ral as I should if you was to sing out 'Joe Markham!' Give a dog a bad name and ang him, they say. Well, I've give him his name, and now I s'pose I whose advantages (if he had any) smartness up among dogs and men slike. It was imshall have to do the rest: for I can't afford to pay seven and six a year for the likes of him

these 'ard times.' "He doesn't look a well-bred one," ob- ing the newcomer with extreme disfavor. served Mr. Belton.

'Oh, he's a cur, sir; no need to tell you that. Got a bit of the bull in him, as you see; but what the rest of him is I couldn't saynot if you was to put me on my hoath. Good-

Author of "My Friend Jim," "La Belle Americaine," "Major and Minor," "A Bachelor's

ing smart Mr. Belton's smart groom was re- what else could you call him? quested to take charge of an animal, among could hardly be reckoned.

belong to, I should like to know?" The Duffer put his head on one side, cocked his right ear and wagged his tail dubiously. He did not set up to belong to natured creatur', too. It goes agin me to put any recognized species, and indeed it would

he might with his heavy shoulders light hindquarters and shambling gait, have passed for a bulldog; but closer inspection would have denied him all claim to belong to that noble breed. His rough white coat, his stumpy tail, his deplorable flopping ears, and numerous other defects, upon which it would be ungracious to dwell, stamped him as a hopeless mongrel. There was something of the terrier in him; something of the lurcher; probably also a "What on earth made you call the poor | dogs always know a gentleman as understands little of the sheep-dog. His lower jaw, it is true, looked like business; but unhappily a That very smart young gentleman, Dick very short acquaintance with him sufficed to temptuous pity at the nondescript animal Belton, thought be understood a good deal show that he lacked the bulldog's first and who was imprinting dirty paw marks upon about dogs. He also thought that he under- most essential characteristic, courage. All stood a good deal about horses, and was the dogs in the stable-yard made inspection "Well, reely, sir," answered Mr. Mark- under the impression that he had just pur- of him, and it is lamentable to be obliged to the 1 oor beggara home if you like. One more ignominiously into a corner, with his tail be-

Atter that, it was absurd to think of chang-Thus it came to pass that the same evening his name. As his former owner had said, Yet a friendly feeling for him soon sprang

> there was a member of the establishment who appreciated by its object in this perverse world, and such an affection it was

"HE DOESN'T LOOK A WELL-BRED ONE," OBSERVED MR. BELTON.

the room, insisted upon sleeping at his bed. sesson. him out o' the way. Seems to have took to have puzzled the most expert judge to classical that the poor Duffer had conceived room door, and when he was out hunting In all the world, perhaps, there was no. "Here, Markham!" called out Mr. Belton, you wonderful, sir. Cur'ous, ain't it, how sify him. Viewed from a certain distance, for Dick Belton. Now, Mr. Belton, bowled without intermission until his return.

possible to respect him; yet it was almost who was at this time residing in a | Dick Belton was a good-humored fellow; but Well, you're a queer-looking customer, equally impossible to help liking a creature hunting-box in the shires, which he had of course he was annoyed by a method of and no mistake!" the groom observed, eye- so amiable, so forgiving and so confiding. If taken for the Winter months, and who was in treatment which has been found annoying by the habit of inviting fellow-sportsmen to dine all human beings from the beginning of What partic'lar species do you set up to did dislike him, it was the master of the estab- with him pretty frequently, was, like many time. However, he submitted to it more or lishment himself; and this, it must be con- other young men, averse to being chaffed. less uncomplainingly for a good many weeks, which he submitted without a whimper—he fessed, was the Duffer's own fault. Slavish, He had to stand a good deal of chaff about and doubtless his patience would have held passionate, demonstrative love is, also ! never | this ridiculous dog. The Duffer refused to out even longer, but for a most versitious inleave him, did not resent being kicked out of cident which occurred at the very end of the

deeper veneration and esteem than he did you; he's too great a fool for anything. I'll for Sir Brooke Scatterfield, the M. F. H.; so give you a couple of sovereigns for his keep that he was naturally much honored and and his license, but I can't stand him followflattered when Sir Brooke trotted over on an ing me about any longer." off-day to call upon him. This hale and well- Joe Markham accepted the dog and the preserved old gentleman, who was some- sovereigns, and Dick drove away-not, inwhat terrible when exercising his official deed, without some inward pangs of comfunctions, knew how to unbend in private: punction, yet feeling that, upon the whole, and on this occasion, after inspecting Mr. Belton's hunters, he was pleased to unbend Many a man would have been content to reso far as to slap his friend on the back, calling lieve himself of further responsibility by the him a devilish lucky fellow to be able to simple but effective means of a charge of mount himself so well. Now, who could shot. ever have supposed that this kindly and con- "Duffer come 'ome late larst night, sir," descending act was liable to misconstructremarked his groom, when he sauntered into tion? Who could have guessed that that the stable-yard next morning. "'Ad a bit o' idiotic dog would take it for a demonstration cord round his neck-which I expect he'd on 4 of heatility? Yet some such idea must, no gnawed it through, sir." doubt, have suggested itself to the foolish Duffer, who, without uttering a sound, the door, was the culprit, feebly agitating a promptly pinned the M. F. H. by the leg. It was no easy matter to choke him off ; but the was finally accompaished by Dick's his adoration. The poor thing's eyes were strong fingers, and as, by the mercy of not soft and eloquent, as the eyes of some heaven, the old gentleman was wearing dogs are; they were only two little round leather gasters, the damage done was com- black beads, with ugly pink rims. Yet there

and Sir Broose was not quite as pleasant about it as he might have been. He said: Oh, never mind: only, if I were you, Belton, I wouldn't keep those beastly curs about the place. They aren't any use, you

know, and you never can trust them." That observation decided the Duffer's fate. He received a tremendous thrashing, to who would yell aloud if a lapdog snapped at him:--and on the following day he was driven over in a dog-cart to the abode of his late proprietor.

he had behaved handsomely in the matter.

And there, sure enough, crouched behind penitent tail and bringing a pair of pleading, deprecating eyes to bear upon the object of paratively trifling. Nevertheless, it was a was a look in them which, quite against Dick very disagreeable thing to have happened. Belton's will, found its way to his heart.

"Oh, you abominable, uscless, hideous beast!" he exclaimed, breaking into a vexed laugh; "I suppose you will stick to me now until one or other of us dies,"

That such was the Duffer's fixed purpose seemed to be beyond question, and that he was able to give effect to it is perhaps not more surprising than other triumphs of unrequited love which have come under one's notice from time to time. He was a nuisance of course; but Dick ented by accepting him, as he accepted shaving every morning, answering letters, dining with wearisome people, and other inevitable nuisances, about which there is no use in grumbling.

(To be Continued.)